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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 13

1. U.S. COVERAGE, HIGHLIGHTED BY VANCE SENATE HEARINGS,
IS LIGHT, AND, FOR THE MOST PART, POSITIVE IN TONE.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY STRAIGHTFORWARD
DETAILED TASS WASHINGTON ACCOUNT OF VANCE APPEARANCE
BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. ACCORDING
TO ARTICLE, VANCE EMPHASIZED U.S.-SOVIET ARMS CONTROL
NEGOTIATIONS, ESPECIALLY SALT. ON MBFR, VANCE
RECOMMENDED KEEPING U.S. TROOP AND TACTICAL NUCLEAR
WEAPONS IN PLACE IN ORDER TO USE THEM FOR "TRADING" IN
VIENNA. HE DESCRIBED "GENERAL PARITY" OF
MILITARY POTENTIAL BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET UNION AND
SAID THAT WHILE IN SOME AREAS U.S. HAD OUTSTRIPPED
RUSSIANS, IN OTHER AREAS SOVIET UNION HAD SURPASSED U.S.
ACCOUNT NOTES VANCE'S SUPPORT FOR USE OF WORD "DETENTE"
WHICH HAD BEEN DROPPED BY PRESIDENT FORD. IT
CONCLUDES WITH SUMMARY OF VANCE COMMENTS ON VIETNAM
(AND U.S. "MISTAKE" THERE), ON ANGOLA AND CHINA. VANCE
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON U.S. MILITARY SUPPLY TO EGYPT
RECEIVES LONGER TREATMENT.

-- CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES THREE VARIANTS ON
TASS WASHINGTON ARTICLE BY L. BUZ AND YE. YEGOROV ON
OPEN MESSAGE TO CARTER FROM U.S. CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS.
MESSAGE CALLED ON CARTER TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO STOP
ARMS RACE"INITIATED BY U.S." KZ NOTED LEGAL ACTION TO HALT
FUNDS FOR B-1 TAKEN IN WASHINGTON FEDERAL COURT BY NUMBER OF
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING "FEDERATION OF AMERICAN
SCIENTISTS."

--KZ HAS TASS N.Y. ARTICLE ON "PERSECUTION"
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OF INDIAN LEADER LEONARD PELTIER, ACCUSED OF SLAYING TWO
FBI AGENTS.

-- PRAVDA HAS TASS BONN ITEM ON U.S.-FRG
MILITARY PRODUCTION COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN FIELD
OF TANKS.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

-- FROM ROMANIA, PRAVDA COMMENTARY HAS RCP
POLEXCOM MEMBER AND BRASOX FIRST SEC TROFIN TELLING
CORRESPONDENT ANGELI THAT BREZHNEV VISIT DOCUMENTS ARE
BEING STUDIED IN ALL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS OF HIS DISTRICT;
THAT VISIT RESULTS PROVE BOTH COUNTRIES ARE HEADED FOR
SAME GREAT GOAL; AND THAT VISIT SERVES FURTHER STRENG-
THENING OF UNITY AND FIRMNESS "OF WHOLE COMMUNITY OF
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." TROFIN GIVES SPECIAL KIDOS TO
VARIOUS SUB-LEADERSHIP CONTACTS, INCLUDING "FRUITFUL
TIES BETWEEN BRASOV AND MOLDAVIAN COLLECTIVITIES."

-- ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA, PRAVDA REPRINTS LONG EXCERPTS FROM RUDE
PRAVO BLAST AT CHARTER 77 GROUP, INCLUDING FULL RETAILING
OF "ORDERS FROM ANTI-COLUMNIST AND ZIONIST CENTERS,"
REJECTION OF ANTI-SOVIETISM, AND LISTING OF VARIOUS
MEMBERS BY NAME WITH VICIOUS CHARACTERIZATIONS.

-- CSCE CARTOON IN PRAVDA HAS BOY IN FUR HAT,
LABELLED 1977, WIELDING HELSINKI DOCUMENT TO DEFEND DOVE
OF PEACE FROM SWORD-WEILDING MILITARIST, LABELLED 1976,
AND DRIVING ATTACKER AWAY WITH PEN LABELLED "HELSINKI
CONFERENCE."

-- BOTH PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA NOTE OPENING IN
HAVANA OF 79TH MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

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ERASES SOME OF QUESTION MARKS CONTAINED IN PREVIOUS
PRESS TREATMENT OF NEW SWEDISH "BOURGEOIS" GOVERNMENT.
WORD IS THAT 1977 WILL BE GOOD YEAR FOR SOVIET-SWEDISH
RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMIC FIELD, WITH FURTHER
STRENGTHENING OF "TRADITIONAL" GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN
TWO NEIGHBORS.

-- L. VOLODIN HAS ARTICLE IN IZVESTIYA ON FRENCH
COURT DECISION TO FREE ACCUSED PLO TERRORIST ABU DAUD.
WESTERN AND ISRAELI FUSS OVER INCIDENT WAS INTENDED TO
SERVE GOAL OF RUINING PRESENT GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN
FRANCE AND ARAB GOVERNMENTS, CONCLUDES VOLODIN.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ NOTE PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL
MEETING IN DAMASCUS.

-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA HAVE SHORT ARTICLE BASED
ON AL-AHRAM STORY OF BOEING BRIBES IN CONNECTION WITH
AIRCRAFT SALE TO EGYPT-AIR.

-- PRAVDA NOTES ALL-UNION CONFERENCE OF SOVIET-
SYRIAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY HELD IN MOSCOW JAN 12.

--"COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY V. KOROVNIKOV IN
PRAVDA DESCRIBES ALL AROUND SUPPORT --"FROM DIPLOMATIC
TO MILITARY"--EXTENDED ZIMBABWE PATRIOTIC FRONT OF NKOMO
AND MUGABE BY AFRICAN FIVE MEETING IN LUSAKA. THIS
THEME IS REPEATED AND EXPANDED IN IZVESTIYA ARTICLE BY
YU. ALIMOV WHICH DESCRIBES FAILURE OF SMITH AND OF
"U.S. ORGANIZERS" OF ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN TO TAKE CHARGE
AT GENEVA CONFERENCE. ALIMOV QUOTES SMITH TO EFFECT
THAT NOT HE, BUT PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS "SET TONE" FOR
CONFERENCE. ALIMOV DESCRIBES CONCESSIONS WHICH FRONT
FORCED BRITISH TO MAKE. A CAUTIONARY NOTE IS SOUNDED
ON SMITH'S EFFORT TO USE CURRENT RECESS TO SET UP BLACK
PUPPET POLITICAL PARTY WHICH WILL THEN PARTICIPATE IN
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CONFERENCE (OK WITH BRITISH CHAIRMAN RICHARD, SAYS ALIMOV) AND WEAKEN ZIMBABWE NATIONALIST UNITY. FINALLY, PRAVDA NOTES THAT BRITISH SECRETARY CROSLAND ANNOUNCED POST-PONEMENT OF GENEVA TALKS BEYOND PREVIOUSLY SET DATE OF JAN 17.

-- PRAVDA HAS ARTICLE BY L. POCHIVALOV ON EFFORT BY ACHEAMPONG GOVERNMENT TO GET GRIP ON GHANAIAI ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. POCHIVALOV LAUDS GHANA'S FOREIGN POLICY COURSE, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO SOVIET-GHANAIAI RELATIONS.

-- IZVESTIYA NOTES MEETING BETWEEN KOSYGIN AND NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR.

-- IZVESTIYA AND KZ, RESPECTIVELY, CARRY ARTICLES ON THAI INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION (ALARM OVER INFLUENCE OF FORMER PM KITTIKACHON) AND ON ANTI-GUERRILLA, ANTI-LEFTIST MILITARY AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IN SOUTHERN PART OF COUNTRY.
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